

The Shelton Chronicle

PARTNERSHIPS - THE SECRET TO SUCCESSFUL WELFARE TO WORK PROGRAMS

Shelton State joins forces with other West Alabama agencies

The idea of successfully moving people who have been on welfare into the work force sounds great in theory but has presented some problems in the past as people move through the new process.

Transportation and adequate child care are the two problems identified most often by welfare recipients who are trying to move successfully into the work place. According to Fran Viselli, who works closely with Shelton's Welfare to Work program, "everyone involved with welfare reform is suffering from the same problems."

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By joining forces and forming partnerships, the various organizations are able to work through some of these problems."

Over the past few weeks, a small group of people representing various agencies has met on a weekly basis. In addition to Viselli and Steve Coker from Shelton, other members of the group include Lewis Barnett and Dot England from Community Services of West Alabama, Sallie Edwards from the University of Alabama, Bessie Harvard from Stillman College, Madeline Hill from the United Way, and Star Bloom, community advocate.

The goal of the group is to develop a family resource center in the eastern end of Tuscaloosa. "Bottom line," according to Viselli, "it will provide 'one-stop-shopping' for recipients. The Department of Human Resources is focusing on technical training, especially carpentry, and Shelton's role in the project will be to provide that training."

On Friday, July 17, all Department of Human Resources representatives from West Alabama will be at Shelton State for a day-long seminar. Dave Sanders, carpentry instructor at the college, will be one of the speakers for the seminar.

AREA MINISTERS TO ATTEND SEMINAR AT COLLEGE

On Thursday, August 13, ministers from the West Alabama area will be at the college to learn how Shelton State's programs can benefit their

congregations. These ministers represent various faiths and denominations. The event is intended to boost the recruitment of traditional-aged college students, working adults, and senior citizens.

The seminar is sponsored by the college's recruiters leadership team and is the first in a series of special recruitment gatherings intended to bring the college's message to various types of civic and social groups, as well as to different professional organizations. The team is a committee whose purpose is to coordinate the efforts of the different types of recruiters at the college.

SHELTON HOSTS BOATING LICENSE CLASS

In cooperation with the state marine police, Shelton will host boating license classes this month in order to prepare people to take the Boating License Exam which becomes mandatory for all recreational boat operators in April 1999.

The classes, which are free, will be held during two sessions on July 27 and 28, with each class beginning at 6:30 p.m. During class session, a college recruiter will be asked to make a presentation about the value of attending Shelton State Community College.

This program was arranged by the recruiters leadership team, and members of the committee say the boating classes allow them to recruit from a group of people who might not otherwise come to the Shelton campus.

For more information, call 391-2476 or the state marine police, 1-800-272-7930.

Local Bookstore Invites College Faculty and Students to Book Signings

A Tuscaloosa bookstore, A Novel Approach, will host two Southern writers, Michael Frase and Robert Inman, this summer for book signings. The store management has issued special invitations to Shelton State students and faculty.

University of Alabama graduate Michael Frase will visit the bookstore on July 25 from 2 - 4 p.m. to autograph his new novel, *The Last Goodbye*.

On August 6, Robert Inman, another UA graduate, will be available to autograph his newest book, *Dairy Queen Days*.

Refreshments will be served. A Novel Approach is located in the Meadowbrook Shopping Center on McFarland Boulevard. For additional information, call 758-3979.

SHELTON ALUMNI TO KICK OFF 1998-99 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Shelton State Alumni Association will kick off its 1998-99 membership drive with a party on Friday, August 7. The party will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. at Barrett's Brewpub and Eatery located on the corner of Greensboro and University Boulevard.

Any member of the faculty and staff of the college or any student who is interested in joining the organization is encouraged to attend. For more information on the party, call the Alumni Office, 391-2221 or 391-2252.

FACES 'N PLACES

* Congratulations to the college employees who will be playing a leadership role with this year's United Way drive. Ronald Range, director of institutional research, will serve as the college's loaned executive to the United Way this year.

William Aldridge is serving as the campus coordinator for the United Way.

* Many thanks to A.H. Bean for his latest gift of \$250,000 to the college. This money will be used to establish the "A.H. Bean Religious Studies Programs." Part of the money will be used to purchase computers and software that will allow religion courses to be taught through the use of computers. The computer labs will also be used by continuing education classes. An endowment of \$150,000 will also be established as part of the gift. The interest from this money will be used to support the lab each year. Bean's gift will be paid over a two-year period, beginning in 1999 and continuing through the year 2000.

POSTSECONDARY APPROVES COLLEGE'S WEBMASTER PROGRAM

Shelton State recently received notification from the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education that the college's Webmaster program had been reclassified as a 26-semester-hour certificate program, effective Fall Semester 1998-99.

According to Dr. Fred Gainous, chancellor of the Alabama College System, Shelton has an existing AAS and a Certificate in Computer Science and the addition of the Webmaster short certificate represents a substantial commitment to develop one of the most technically-advanced computer programs in the West Alabama region.

"It is our understanding that the

primary offering will be housed on the C.A. Fredd campus," Gainous added.

The Webmaster program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to conceptualize and design Web pages and publications; provides the students with knowledge, skills and experience in authoring HTML documents, manipulating images, and constructing and optimizing graphics, image maps, sound, motion, forms, and interface options for Web pages.

The students also obtain the skills needed to manage Web pages, update information, and interface with information systems. As part of the program, students learn to select and run a server, set up a site, select and create Web tools, and maintain a small-to-medium-size Web site.

Brad Moore is Webmaster for the college and serves as instructor of the program.

Where were you in the '70s?

This week's mystery lyric from the '70s is:

*"Some people call me the Space Cowboy,
Some call me the gangster of love."*

To participate, call extension 2310 and give the name of the song and the artist. If more than one person provides the winning answer, the names will be placed in a drawing. Deadline to call in is July 17 at 5 p.m. Be sure to leave your name when you call.

DON'T FORGET FALL SEMESTER REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 19 AND 20. FALL CLASSES BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24. COPIES OF THE FALL CLASS SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING CENTER OF THE MARTIN CAMPUS.